

And Mr. Sprigg chairman of the committee on internal improvement, reported a bill entitled, an additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Port Deposit rail road company, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 28.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Giles the house took up for consideration the resolution submitted by him on the 4th inst., in relation to taking testimony in cases of divorcees;

The said resolution was then read the second time,

Mr. Ely moved that the said resolution be postponed indefinitely. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Causin then submitted the following order.

Ordered, that the committee on divorcees, be and they are here by instructed not to report favorably on any application for a divorce, unless they be satisfied that the proofs before them have been taken after reasonable notice to the opposite party, of the time, place, and manner of taking said proof.

Which was twice read;

Mr. Geyer moved that said order be postponed indefinitely;

Mr. Giles moved to lay the order on the table,

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Maulsby, the house took up for consideration the report submitted by him on Saturday last, from the special committee, in relation to the demand of the Executive of Pennsylvania upon the Governor of Maryland, for the surrender of Nathan S. Bemis, Jacob Forwood, Edward Prigg and Stephen Lewis, citizens of Maryland, as fugitives from justice;

On motion of Mr. Maulsby, said report was amended by striking out in the message proposed to the senate, the words "demand from them," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "request."

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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### WEDNESDAY, January 10th, 1838.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Causin, the rule of the house which requires the Journal of Proceedings of the preceding day to be read, was suspended, and the reading of said Journal was dispensed with.

The speaker announced the following message as having been received from the senate on yesterday, by their clerk, viz—

A bill, originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, an act to make valid a certain instrument of writing therein named, and for other purposes;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.